

4 24. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said lithium salt is lithium chloride.

5 25. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said set accelerating additive is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight of cement therein.

6 26. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said retarder is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, gluconic acid and tartaric acid.

7 27. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said retarder is citric acid.

8 28. (Twice Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said retarder is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 0.5% to about 2% by weight of cement therein.

9 29. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said water is selected from the group consisting of fresh water and salt water.

10 30. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said water is present in said composition in an amount in the range of from about 40% to about 50% by weight of cement therein.

11 31. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said gas is selected from the group consisting of air and nitrogen.

12 32. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said gas is nitrogen.

13 33. (Amended) The cement composition of claim ~~21~~ wherein said gas is present in said composition in an amount sufficient to foam said composition to a density in the range of from about 10 to about 12 pounds per gallon.

114 34. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 31 wherein said mixture of foam forming and foam stabilizing surfactants in said composition comprises an alcohol ether sulfate ethoxylated with from about 3 to about 10 moles of ethylene oxide, an alkyl or alkene amidopropylbetaine and an alkyl or alkene amidopropyl dimethylamine oxide.

C1 155 35. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 31 wherein said mixture of foaming and foam stabilizing surfactants is present in said cement composition in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 4% by weight of water in said composition.

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119 37. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 36 wherein said set accelerating additive is lithium chloride.

118 38. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 36 wherein said retarder is citric acid.

C2 119 39. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 38 wherein said water is salt water.

120 40. (Amended) The cement composition of claim 39 wherein said mixture of foam forming and foam stabilizing surfactants comprises said ethoxylated alcohol ether sulfate in an amount in the range of from about 60 to about 64 parts by weight, said alkyl or alkene amidopropylbetaine in an amount in the range of from about 30 to about 33 parts by weight and said alkyl or alkene amidopropyldimethylamine oxide in an amount in the range of from about 3 to about 10 parts by weight.

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